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SUMMARY: RSA MEDIA SAW VALUE IN YOUNG VISIT TO MAPUTO. OPPOSITION ENGLISH PRESS CHEERED HIM FOR ADVOCATING PEACEFUL CHANGE; AFRIKAANS PRESS THOUGHT HE MAY HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM EXPERIENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORT IN JOHANNESBURG RAND DAILY MAIL FROM MAPUTO SAID AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL TELL BUSINESSMEN IN RSA THAT RSA'S "TROUBLED ECONOMY.....IS KEY TO FORCING CHANGE ON PRETORIA. YOUNG ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTED SAYING MAPUTO TRIP SUCCEEDED IN TURNING BACK ANTI-WESTERN TREND AND IMPROVING AMERICAN CREDITIBILITY IN AFRICA. THE CITIZEN CARRIED AFP STORY FROM MAPUTO REPORTING THAT U.S. AND WESTERN COUNTRIES DECLINED TO SUPPORT FINAL DOCUMENTS OF U.N CONFERENCE UNDER LEAD "YOUNG SAYS NO TO MAPUTO PROPOSALS".

2. JOHANNESBURG LIBERAL "THE STAR" EDITORIALIZED MAY 20 ON MAPUTO

CONFERENCE SAYING OUTCOME "APPEARS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS EXPECTED.....CONSENSUS DECLARATION BASED ON COMPROMISE." EDITORIAL SAID SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT USA, "IN THE PERSON OF ANDREW YOUNG IS PREPARED TO PLEAD THE CAUSE OF EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE IN SUCH A SETTING AS MAPUTO."

3. DURBAN DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL MAY 20 PRAISED ANDREW YOUNG FOR SUPPORTING NON-VIOLENT RESOLUTIONS TO RSA PROBLEMS AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE AND SAID DESPITE "PHOBIA" ABOUT YOUNG IN MINDS OF SOME WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS "WE MIGHT YET LIVE TO THANK YOUNG."

4. CAPE TOWN CAPE TIMES MAY 21 CARRIED ARTICLE ON EDITORIAL PAGE BY GERALD SHAW ENTITLED: "US SUPPORT": "WILL VORSTER PAY PRICE?" SAID: "THE CHOICE IS FOR RSA TO MAKE. IF WE ARE DETERMINED TO RETAIN THE SUPPORT OF THE WEST ALL WE NEED TO DO IS TO DEMONSTRATE OUR GENUINE ADHERENCE TO WESTERN VALUES BY DEEDS AS WELL AS BY WORDS. RSA CANNOT EXPECT TO KEEP WESTERN SUPPORT AS LONG AS IT'S COMMITTED TO EXCLUDING COLORED PEOPLE, ASIANS, AND URBAN AFRICANS FROM REAL POLITICAL RIGHTS. THERE SEEMS LITTLE DISPOSITION AMONG NATIONALISTS TO UNDERSTAND THE DEPTH AND INTENSITY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOTE IS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND MR ANDREW YOUNG ARE BOTH PRODUCTS OF THE SOUTH AND TOGETHER LIVED THROUGH DAYS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. MR YOUNG AS A LIEUTENANT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND PRESIDENT CARTER AS A WHITE SOUTHERNER WHO IN TIME GAINED THE RESPECT OF NEGROES AS A GENUINE LIBERAL ON MATTERS OF RACE, AND IT IS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT MR YOUNG IN SEEKING TO SWAY BLACK AFRICAN OPINION AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE SHOULD HAVE TOLD THE STORY OF THE SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE

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AMERICAN SOUTH.

5. AFRIKAANS DE TRANSVALER MAY 21 EDITORIALIZED THAT PERHAPS MR YOUNG'S VISIT TO MAPUTO WAS "SOBERING" EXPERIENCE AND NOW HE WILL "APPRECIATE THE UNREASONABLE NATURE OF THE WARMONGERING BLACK AFRICAN STATES AND THEIR LEADERS.....WHO WANT TO SEE BLOOD AND CHAOS.....AND THEIR EFFECTS ON BLACK PEOPLE OF RSA AND DESTRUCTION IT COULD BRING TO UNDERDEVELOPED PARTS OF AFRICA." PAPER HAS DOUBTS ABOUT MR YOUNG'S ABILITY TO EVOLVE FROM CIVIL RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER TO PERSON OPERATING ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE.

6. SABC-TV DURING AFRIKAANS NEWS PROGRAM MAY 20 CARRIED SOME FOOTAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN MAPUTO.HUGHES

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